

Subjects of General Interest.

- Subject No. 1 was introduced by Captain J. Pryor of the Gold Mining Board, Kolar.
- No. 2 (a) by Mr. Giriappa and others of Shimoga Taluk, and Mr. Rangiengar of Krishnarajpet.
- (b) by Mr. A. Ramanna of the Mysore Municipal Board.
- (c) by Mr. Anandalwar of Mandya Taluk.
- (d) by Mr. M. Venkatkrishnia of the Mysore Municipal Board.
- (e) by Mr. M. L. Narsimmiengar of the Mysore Municipal Board.
- No. 3 by Mr. Giriappa and others of Shimoga Taluk.
- No. 4 by Messrs Guru Rao, C. Sreenevasa Rao and Shiek Mohdin Sahib of the Kolar, Chikmagalur and Channapatna Municipalities respectively.
- No. 5 by Mr. Ramachendrappa *bin* Hirlalappa and others of Kumsi Sub-Taluk.
- No. 6 by Messrs Devappa *bin* Rangabhatta and Bhaskariah *alias* Mahantia of Shimoga and Sagar Taluks respectively.
- No. 7 by Messrs A. Ramanna and M. L. Narsimmiengar of the Mysore Municipality and Mr. Ramaswamiengar of Chikballapur Taluk.
- No. 8 by Messrs Chinnappa and Sadasivappa of Chintamani, A. Ramachendria of Devanhalli, Devappa *bin* Rangabhatta of Shikarpur, Rangiengar of Krishnarajpet, and Rangiengar of Heggadadevankote.
- No. 9 by Mr. A. Ramachendria of Devanhalli.
- No. 10 by Mr. A. Ramanna of the Mysore Municipality.
- No. 11 by Messrs. A. Ramanna of the Mysore Municipality, and Ramachendria and Ramaswamiengar of Devanhalli and Chikballapur Taluks respectively.
- No. 12 by Messrs. Gopisetty, Nanjappa and Venketramanasetty of the Mysore, Nelmangala and Magadi Taluks respectively.
- No. 13 by Mr. Krishna Murti of Mandya Taluk.
- No. 14 by Messrs Nadig Sivappa of Sorab Taluk, and Sreenevasa Rao and Vasudeva Rao of Chikmagalur.
- Nos. 15 and 16 by Mr. Sadaseva Rao of Dodballapur Taluk.

Subject No. 1.
1. Requirements of Gold Mines.

Summary of discussion.—Captain Pryor, on behalf of the Kolar Mining Board, read an address to the following effect:—

The Board are thankful to the Government for what it has already done for this important Industry and they ask that the following additional needs of the Industry may receive the early favorable consideration of the Government—

- (1) Special legislation to protect mining materials, such as gold-quartz, amalgam, sponge-gold, &c., by throwing the onus of proof on persons in possession thereof, and compelling them to show that they lawfully came by such materials;

- (2) Addition to, and improvement of, the Police Force in the Kolar Gold Fields and appointment of special detectives;
- (3) The improvement of roads in the said tract;
- (4) The reduction of fares on mining materials, coal, machinery, timber and firewood on the Kolar Gold Fields Railway; and
- (5) The appointment of a qualified Mining Inspector.
(For the full text of Captain Pryor's address see Appendix B.)

Reply of Government.—Special protective legislation for the mines is receiving particular attention. The Draft Regulation originally prepared has had to be largely added to, so as to protect all interests. As regards protection of mining materials within a specified local area, the revised Draft Regulation proceeds on the lines suggested by Captain Pryor. A copy of this Draft Regulation will be forwarded to the Mining Board for any suggestions they might wish to make.

The improvement of the Special Police employed on the Kolar Gold Fields and of the roads serving that tract will receive every possible attention.

As regards reduction of Railway fares on the branch Railway, newly constructed by the State, the matter is one which involves very special considerations, but the wishes of the Mining Board will be borne in mind.

Dr. Evans of the Mysore Geological Survey has already been deputed to inspect the Mines on several occasions. It is proposed to appoint him as "Inspector of Mines" and to invest him with definite functions under the Regulation before alluded to.

Subject No. 2.

Matters connected

with the Assembly—

(a) Casual vacancies,

Summary of discussion.—Rules should be framed to fill up temporary vacancies in the membership of the D. R. Assembly.

Reply of Government.—This suggestion will be duly considered when the present rules come under revision. But casualties during the three years of membership will be very few, and as the number of members is large, a difference of opinion might well exist as to the real need for filling up vacancies for the purpose of the second and third years' meetings.

(b) Recognition of a Standing Committee by the Government; or meetings of the Assembly twice a year.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. A. Ramanna asked that the Government might recognize a Standing Committee of the Representative Assembly. He said such a Committee was really required to represent the Assembly whose members were scattered throughout the State. He quoted from the Dewan's remarks in the Proceedings of 1891 in favor of such an Assembly and added that copies of the Proceedings used to be sent to the Committee till 1893. In 1894, a large meeting of the Committee was held at which 120 members were present. The Standing Committee had no desire to arrogate to itself any powers, but proposed only to act on behalf of absent members.